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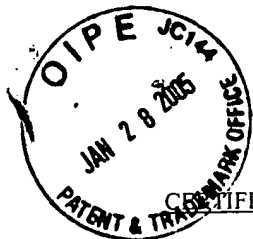
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This information disclosure statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants wish to disclose the following information:

REFERENCES

- ☒ The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☒ Listed on the attached PTO form 1449 is information known to persons substantively involved in the preparation of the application identified above, and is not a representation that more pertinent information does not exist.
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- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☒ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the within application and/or **prior to a first Office Action** on the merits being allowed.

PETITION

- ☒ Applicants hereby request consideration of the attached information.

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